

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4297

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EXPANSION OF FLEET OF AIR INDIA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India has finalised a proposal to expand its fleet by obtaining four A310 aircraft on dry lease;
- (b) if so, the time by which these aircrafts are to be acquired;
- (c) whether Air India also proposed to acquire six SCCR aeroplanes simultaneously;
- (d) if so, whether the old aircraft are proposed to be removed from the fleet of Air India;
- (e) if not, whether sufficient traffic is available for the new aircraft proposed to be inducted;
- (f) if so, whether it is commercially viable to acquire new aircraft for Air India; and (g) if so, the details of the study, if any, undertaken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) & (g) : Air India is exploring the possibility of rationalising its fleet by selling some aircraft types and replacing such capacity through dry lease of remaining aircraft types consistent with commercial viability. There is no proposal to purchase new aircraft at present.